(b) if so, whether an independent legislation is proposed to be introduced in this regard and if so, by when; and

(c) the essential features of the proposed legislation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to introduce a Bill, namely Judges (Inquiry) Bill, 2006 during the current session of Parliament.

{c) The Bill shall devise a suitable legislative framework for empowering a judicial forum to deal with complaints against judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts.

**VRS by officers/employees in Supreme Court**

463. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of officers/employees opting for VRS in the Supreme Court of India has increased;

(b) how many officers/employees have taken VRS during the last three years and how many actually applied for the same; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that officers/employees serving in a particular stream in the Supreme Court are more inclined towards VRS as compared to those serving in administration etc.; if so, the break up for last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of officers/employees who have taken VRS during the last three years is as below:

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| Year 2003 | - | 07 |
| Year 2004 | - | 06 |
| Year 2005 | - | 15 |

(c) The Supreme Court has informed that voluntary retirement has been taken by officers/officials belonging to various cadres and there is no dominance of any particular cadre in such retirements.